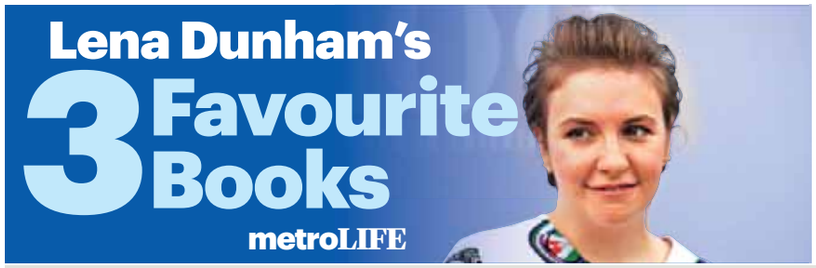

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'There is great frustration from the people'

Jessica Smith Cross
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Few government-sponsored refugees have found housing in Toronto because the federal government isn't giving them enough money, the head of the organization responsible for settling refugees said Wednesday.

Mario Calla, executive director for COSTI Immigrant Services, spoke at a public meeting in Parkdale on Wednesday afternoon, organized to inform the community up to 200 refugees will soon be staying at the Howard Johnson Hotel at Queen and Roncesvalles streets.

People showed up in droves to offer help for the incoming refugees, from English lessons to donated entertainment for the kids. Calla addressed the group and spoke frankly about the difficulties his organization has had finding housing for the government-sponsored Syrian refugees who have arrived in Toronto.

Four weeks since the refugees began arriving, only a small number of the 1,240 government-sponsored refugees in Toronto have secured housing, he said.

"There is great frustration from people," he told the crowd. "After you've been for a few days in a room with three kids — it starts to get to you."

They're struggling to find housing because the federal government is only giving the refugees the same money as the local social assistance rates — and the available housing they can afford is very limited, Calla said. For example, a couple with two young kids on social assistance receives $1,186 a month in Ontario.

The perception that refugees shouldn't receive more financial help than Canadians makes the issue a "politically sensitive" one for the government, Calla said.

However, a solution may be on the horizon. The government has "sidestepped the issue politically" by calling on the private sector for help, Calla said.

CN rail announced in December it was donating $5 million to a fund for settling refugees and other corporations have pitched in. According to Calla, that money is intended for COSTI and other organizations to use to help the refugees afford rent — but it isn't available yet.

That has contributed to the refugees staying in the hotels longer than expected and four weeks will be the norm, he said.

As a result, COSTI has been organizing services for the families, including recreation services organized by the City of Toronto. Soon, the local boards are coming in, he said.

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GAS PLANT SCANDAL

Hearing adjourned to Feb. 24

Two former Liberal aides to ex-premier Dalton McGuinty have had their criminal case in connection with the gas plants affair adjourned to Feb. 24.

Defence lawyers made a first appearance in court at Old City Hall on Wednesday on behalf of former chief of staff David Livingston and his one-time deputy, Laura Miller.

They were charged in December with breach of trust, mischief in relation to data and misuse of a computer system. They face up to 10 years if convicted.

The two, who deny any wrongdoing, were the subjects of a probe by the Ontario Provincial Police anti-rackets squad into hard drives related to natural gas-fired power plants McGuinty cancelled before the 2011 election.

Federal Crown attorney Richard Roy said prosecutors have disclosed "a large amount" of evidence the defence must now sift through.

The court date next month will be to arrange a judicial pre-trial conference to chart a path for the case, which will involve "a longer than usual preliminary inquiry," Roy added.

Lawyers for Livingston and Miller, who asked in court for more disclosure from the Crown and are concerned some documents are missing, said they want to push the case forward. "Mr. Livingston and Ms. Miller have had this hanging over their heads now for 2-1/2 years," said Livingston's lawyer, Fredrick Schumann.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

York U film program loses support over Israel mural

STUDENT ART

Film executive withdraws services and equipment

A Toronto film industry executive is pulling his company's support for York University's Cinema and Media Arts program due to a mural he said is "anti-Israel."

"It made me sick to my stomach and very angry," Paul Bronfman said describing his initial reaction to the piece. "We live in an amazing city, an amazing country, and to have this happening under our noses is disgusting. It's subtly anti-Semitic and anti-Israel. It's anti-Canadian."

The mural, on display in the York University Student Centre, shows a person looking at a bulldozer close to a building while holding rocks. The person is shown wearing what looks like a Palestinian flag with a map of Israel without its borders. At the bottom of the mural, the words "justice" and "peace" can be seen along with other text.

Bronfman, who is on the board of directors at the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, said he learned of the mural through his work with the organization.

Bronfman is also chairman and CEO of William F. White International Inc., a provider of movie and theatrical production equipment. He said the company provided thousands of dollars of equipment and technical services to York as well as access to seminars, student lectures, trade shows and open houses.

The contentious mural is in the foyer of the campus student centre at York University. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gayle McFadden, chairwoman of the York University Student Centre, said the mural has been in the centre for a couple of years after a competition. She said the student's piece was "an artist's interpretation of what's currently going on in Palestine."

She said the mural will not be removed and York University officials haven't asked her to have the mural removed.

"I think that it's important to look at that word (anti-Semitic) and to actually identify that word is not used in terms of critics of state, but it's instead used as critics of the religion, and I think that's not what this painting is portraying," McFadden said.

"Anti-Semitism is directly against people of the Jewish faith, and I think that is abysmal and horrible, but critics of the state of Israel are not that."

The university understands the concerns, but the matter doesn't fall under their jurisdiction, Joanne Rider, chief spokeswoman for York University, said in a statement.

"We know the subject of the artwork is offensive to some individuals and groups. We understand and respect their concerns," Rider said.

"As a result, York's administration continues to explore all available options to address the concerns in ways that will ensure we continue to foster an environment reflective of our core values of diversity, respect and inclusivity."

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Cycling Without Age riding into Hogtown

MOVEMENT

Rickshaw for seniors expected here in March

Gilbert Ngabo
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A global movement getting elderly people on bikes is rolling its way into Toronto.

Cycling Without Age was started four years ago in Denmark but has quickly spread to countries such as Norway, Germany, Sweden, U.K., Australia, the U.S. and Chile. Now a group of cycling enthusiasts wants to bring the movement to Toronto.

"Cycling is really becoming part of Toronto's everyday culture. There's no reason to leave our elderly population behind," said Dorothea Torrico, a year-round cyclist.

Rickshaws are a common sight in Singapore. CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

The original idea was built following a simple observation: Many seniors spend so much time just sitting down, a number of them experiencing mobility issues, she said.

"It would be just great to take them out on designated paths or ravines or around the beach, in an active way," she said.

The movement allows young volunteers to sign up and use rickshaw bikes to pedal seniors around, giving them a chance to "enjoy the fresh air and the community," said Torrico.

Toronto is now looking to purchase the first rickshaw, a $9,000 specially designed bike made in Denmark, which could be here in March. Then Torrico and her group will start giving demos on how to operate it and recruit volunteers to help offer seniors free rides.

"It's based on community relationships more than just riding a bike," she said, adding the rides help seniors improve their mental health and well-being. "We hope volunteers and seniors get to connect through storytelling as they ride along."

MUSEUM

AGO finds its new director in Hawaii

The Art Gallery of Ontario has announced Michigan native Stephan Jost as its new director and CEO.

He replaces Matthew Teitelbaum, who left his post in June to become director of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Jost has been director of the Honolulu Museum of Art since 2011.

The AGO says he'll start his new position in Toronto this spring, pending governmental approval of authorization to work in Canada.

The 47-year-old is credited with several achievements at the HoMA, including merging two galleries, balancing the budget and expanding education programs.

The AGO calls him "a warm and engaging leader who has built upon the successes of each institution he has led."

"He is focused on artistic excellence, passionate about ensuring accessibility of art, committed to community engagement, and is deeply respected among his peers and colleagues," said Maxine Granovsky Gluskin, president of the AGO board of trustees, in a statement.

Stephen Jost. ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jost said he's thrilled to be joining "one of North America's preeminent art museums."

"The energy and diversity of Toronto is exciting, and the city is well positioned to be a true global leader," he said.

Jost's official title at the AGO is the Michael and Sonja Koerner director and CEO.

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Sorry for that storm

WEATHER

High pressure on our side dumped snow on U.S.: Expert

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Canadians can take comfort in knowing that a massive blizzard that hit the northeastern United States this week was at least partially our fault.

"We definitely played a role," said Environment Canada meteorologist Geoff Coulson, who explained that an area of high pressure "parked" itself on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes and pushed cooler air south of the border.

The result was a massive, days-long snowstorm that buried much of the eastern seaboard, while leaving Canada unscathed. At its peak, as many as 14 centimetres of snow fell in less than an hour in New York's Central Park.

That's almost more snow than Toronto has seen all winter, Coulson said.

The season's balmy temperatures are expected to continue into the weekend, with highs of 8 C forecasted for Sunday. Temperatures should return to seasonal by the second week of February, Coulson said.

A storm system is on its way to the area, however, and could lead to some rain on Groundhog Day Tuesday.

"If it does come to pass, there's going to be a lot of cloud everywhere, which means it's likely that Wiarton Willie won't see his shadow," said Coulson, which, according to lore, means spring will come early. That is, assuming, winter ever arrives.

8C

The daytime high temperature forecast for Sunday.

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1 Osama Aldeen, a gay Syrian refugee, poses in the Toronto Plaza Hotel.
2 A group of boys play a card game called Tarnib in one of the hotel's hallways.
3 A young girl runs in one of the main hallways of the hotel.

Refugees waiting to start life in Canada

Amid the hustle-bustle at a north Toronto hotel, adult Syrian newcomers slouch listlessly in the lobby as kids play cards and soccer on the old carpet — all waiting for their turn to move into a permanent home.

At the Parkdale Library across the city, community groups are trying to find ways for private citizens to help settle newly arrived refugees.

Over the past few weeks, some private sponsorship groups have become frustrated over the social isolation and lack of support for the government-assisted Syrian refugees who are staying at four hotels and a shelter in Toronto.

While the more than 500 Syrians at the Toronto Plaza Hotel are thankful to have a roof over their heads, they look forward to moving on with life in Canada. "I'm just happy to be here.... We all want to settle down quickly, but the wait is OK," said Osama Aldeen, 42, a baker from Damascus, who arrived at the hotel on Dec. 29.

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Paid suspensions being reviewed

JUSTICE

Forcillo trial underlines long-standing police concern

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Toronto is still footing Const. James Forcillo's nearly six-figure salary as he awaits sentencing, a practice that could change as the province overhauls its policing laws.

Premier Kathleen Wynne hinted this week that the ongoing revamp of the Police Services Act could give police chiefs the power to suspend officers without pay. Doing so would fulfill a request made by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as Forcillo's old boss, former Toronto police chief Bill Blair.

"It's something that has been raised for a number of years," Wynne said.

Forcillo was found guilty of attempted murder Monday in the 2013 shooting death of 18-year-old Sammy Yatim. He's been suspended from the force, but will keep collecting a paycheque until Superior Court Justice Edward Then hands down a sentence.

Before that happens, Forcillo's lawyer plans to ask for a stay of the jury's decision. No one knows how long the process will take.

Const. James Forcillo
CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"He could be out on bail and continuing to get paid for six months, if not a year," said Reid Rusonik, a criminal lawyer in Toronto who's followed the case.

Ontario remains the only jurisdiction in Canada where an officer in Forcillo's situation is required to be paid.

Proponents of unpaid suspension argue it will save taxpayers money and promotes public trust in policing. Critics say it could unjustly deprive innocent officers of their income.

"We're content with the existing safeguards that allow officers to go out there and do their job and not worry that their livelihoods could be taken away because of an allegation," said Mike McCormack, head of the Toronto police union.

Some worry giving chiefs the power to suspend without pay could lead to abuse.

"If you're on the right side of the chief's ledger, then you're going to get paid, but if you're Peter Sloly, you're going to get charged with a minor offence and be without an income," Rusonik said, referencing the deputy chief's recent comments criticizing the Toronto Police Service.

According to a 2011 report from the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, there are an average of 13 officers suspended in Toronto at any given time, each costing about $270 a day.

Officers have been suspended in recent years on charges including murder, child sexual assault, drug trafficking and bank robbery.

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CHANGES POLICE SERVICES ACT

Ontario Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Naqvi has been working for months to modernize the Police Services Act. If successful, it would be the first major overhaul of the act since it was introduced in 1990. In addition to tackling the issue of paid suspension, the revamp is expected to address governance and oversight of policing and introduce new community policing standards.

This vehicle was stopped by police at the corner of **Parliament and Mill streets** on Sept. 16, 2015.
DANIEL OTIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

POLICE

Officer charged after stolen car shooting near Distillery District

A Toronto police officer has been charged under the Police Services Act after about 14 rounds were fired at a motionless stolen car last year near the Distillery District.

Const. Tash Baiati is charged in connection with the Sept. 16, 2015, incident in which eyewitnesses saw one officer open fire and send a lengthy volley into the hood of a silver sedan near Mill and Parliament streets. Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack told Torstar News Service that Baiati is the officer who fired those shots.

DISCIPLINE

The Police Services Act is provincial legislation that governs policing. Charges under the Act are not criminal charges. They are a form of internal discipline.

The incident came at the end of a car chase. A witness told Torstar that two police cars hit the sedan, pinning it between them. That is when the shots were fired.

The driver of the sedan was then removed from the car and arrested. Edward Skotnicki, 60, was charged with stealing a car, dangerous driving, failing to stop for police, driving while disqualified and possessing stolen property.

Police spokeswoman Meaghan Gray told Torstar that the specific charges against Baiati will not be made known until his first appearance before a disciplinary tribunal. That is scheduled to take place on March 10.

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PARTNERSHIP

Students help build windmill to pump water in Nicaragua

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A new wind of hope is blowing through a Nicaraguan village in desperate need of water.

Thanks to a partnership between Toronto’s Winds of Change and engineering students at the University of Toronto, a windmill is helping pump water into farms in Pedro Arauz, a village some 50 kilometres south of capital city Managua.

Three teams, each comprised of four students, have been making trips to the village for the last year to build the windmill, which has the capacity to pump 15 cubic metres of water per day.

The project is of particular importance in the area. Pedro Arauz has experienced long periods of drought, and most people in the area survive on subsistence farming without the technology needed for effective irrigation.

The area is “pretty windy” in the dry season, and building water-pumping windmills was a perfect fit, said Amy Bilton, professor of mechanical engineering.

“Our students worked in collaboration with community members. I think that’s what makes this project more sustainable,” she said, adding the experience helped students put their classroom work into practice. “This is what I call engineering in its pure form.”

Students did everything from measure wind speeds to design windmill prototypes and lead community consultations.

Spending a week on the ground applying her skills was fulfilling for Emma Bowman, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student.

“It was purely hands-on work, cutting, grinding, welding, working long days in the heat,” she said.

“I hadn’t had that kind of experience in my four years of school. It really showed me the value of what I am learning.”

Left: Engineering students and volunteers assist with construction of the windmill. COURTESY ROB SCOTT
Right: James Evan-Boyce works with Pedro Arauz residents to build the windmill. COURTESY EMMA BOWMAN

ORIGIN

Winds of change
The initiative tries to help people living in rural Nicaragua deal with water shortages. It originated from a 2014 volunteer trip by Toronto engineers John Shoust and Rob Scott.

HEALTH

Worker registry a waste: Critic

The New Democrats are advising Ontario’s Liberal government to cut its losses and forget about a long-delayed registry of personal support workers.

When it promised a registry of the workers who provide care for seniors and people with disabilities in 2011, the government said it would better recognize the work they do and at the same time better meet the needs of patients. But NDP health critic France Gelinas says the government has quietly pulled the plug on the registry, after spending $1 million, and didn’t tell anyone.

Gelinas says the government claimed the registry would have helped the PSWs get more secure jobs with decent pay, but she believes personal support workers were “sold an empty bill of goods.”

The government says it “suspended” the registry, which was supposed to be up and running by 2012, after concerns about security, but it still plans to use the data. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Looking for love ... management

MODERN ROMANCE

Entrepreneur hires student to handle her online dating

Katerina Lyadova is looking for love but says work hardly leaves her time to swipe and type.

As an experiment, Lyadova, the 30-year-old co-founder of a graphic-design company in Toronto, hired a part-time "dating profile manager" on Wednesday through an ad in the jobs section of Craigslist.

As dating sites and apps multiply, she isn't the only one looking for an Internet dating agent. A few companies specialize in spicing up the dating profiles and managing the online romantic pursuits of clients who lack the hours, energy or perhaps charm to arrange dates themselves.

VirtualDatingAssistants.com and PersonalDatingAssistants.com provide customers with ghostwriters who treat the art of seduction like a lucrative science.

These firms didn't appeal to Lyadova because they seemed impersonal and aimed at men who have trouble wooing a date. Flirting is not her problem, she said, but her time is precious. So she looked for her own cupid on Craigslist.

"No, this is not a joke," her ad said.

Her matchmaker will gain access to her personal information, photos and dating profiles on Tinder, OkCupid and the relatively new app Happn. The successful candidate will be paid $12 per hour to find potential suitors, flirt and line up dates.

"If you find a match that leads to a meaningful relationship, you'll get a bonus," the ad promised. "If it turns into a real deal, I'll double the original bonus."

> **No, this is not a joke.**
> Craigslist ad

Applicants had to commit to work for two months (seven hours per week) and undergo a police background check (on Lyadova's dime).

In less than three weeks, she received about 30 email applications and interviewed eight people, all women between 19 and 35. Choosing a dating-profile manager wasn't easy. After much deliberation, she hired a college student whose artistic interests dovetailed with her own. That person didn't wish to be interviewed.

Katerina Lyadova is hiring an online dating profile manager she found on Craigslist. She says she thinks she's going to have fun with the "interesting experiment." MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

As the co-founder and creative director of a graphic-design company, Lyadova works more than 50 hours per week. At the office, she recently discovered the joy of delegating and plans to apply the same lesson to her private life.

"That's what I do with other projects: I hire designers, developers, writers. Why not hire a dating manager?" she said.

Less than a day into the job, her dating manager already faces a daunting first deadline: Valentine's Day.

"Two weeks is more than enough time," Lyadova joked.

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Raonic backed to make history

TENNIS

Old coach feels Milos can be first Canadian to win a major

Luke Simcoe
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Before he was the Maple Leaf Missile, Milos Raonic's nickname was "Meatloaf."

"I doubt he'd like it if you called him that now," joked Casey Curtis, his childhood tennis coach. Curtis has known Raonic since he was just an eight-year-old with a racquet in Thornhill. He coached him for nine years, helping develop the booming serve and driving groundstrokes that have propelled Raonic into the sport's upper echelons.

Ranked 14th in the world, Raonic's success has shone a spotlight on Canadian tennis. He powered his way to the Australian Open semifinals on Wednesday and will face off against Andy Murray on Friday for a spot in the final. No Canadian man has ever won a grand-slam singles trophy, but Curtis thinks Raonic has what it takes to make history. "It looks like he's playing 20 to 25 per cent better, which is a huge improvement for a guy at that level," Curtis said.

Raonic has been playing more like he did when he was young, Curtis said, when he tried to emulate the serve-and-volley style of his idol, Pete Sampras.

"I can show you video from when Milos was a kid. His game hasn't changed much," he said. "He may be a quiet guy, but on the court he's an aggressive player who likes to go for his shots." That aggression was a problem for the younger Raonic, whom Curtis described as "a rambunctious junior" with a "temper."

> **Last year was the first year his ranking didn't go up. He's not the kind of guy who wants that and he's going to make up for it this year.**
> Casey Curtis

Carlos Moya, a former tennis pro who is part of Raonic's coaching staff, "has taught him to be a little calmer, not only during matches but also in between matches," Curtis said.

As Raonic prepares for his match against Murray, Curtis is offering up a little advice to his old prodigy: "I'm not sure a 150 km/h kick serve is going to bother Andy. He's going to need to put some pace on it," he said. Fortunately for Raonic, big serves are his specialty.

Milos Raonic will need to kick up his serve a notch or two if he wants to get past Andy Murray and into the Australian Open finals, former coach Casey Curtis says. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Dry falls in Niagara may not come until 2019

Tourists hoping for a glimpse of a dry Niagara Falls will have to wait until at least 2019.

Regional New York parks chief Mark Thomas says Wednesday that there's no funding yet for a bridge replacement project that could involve shutting down the water flowing over one section of the falls by building a temporary structure to redirect it.

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Woman facing charges for insurance fraud

A Markham woman is facing four charges following a York Regional Police Major Fraud Unit investigation into a $232,623 employment insurance fraud.

According to police, officers began an investigation in August 2015 after a complaint from Service Canada. A total of $232,623 in fraudulent benefit claims were paid out to a suspect who had used more than 60 different stolen identities.

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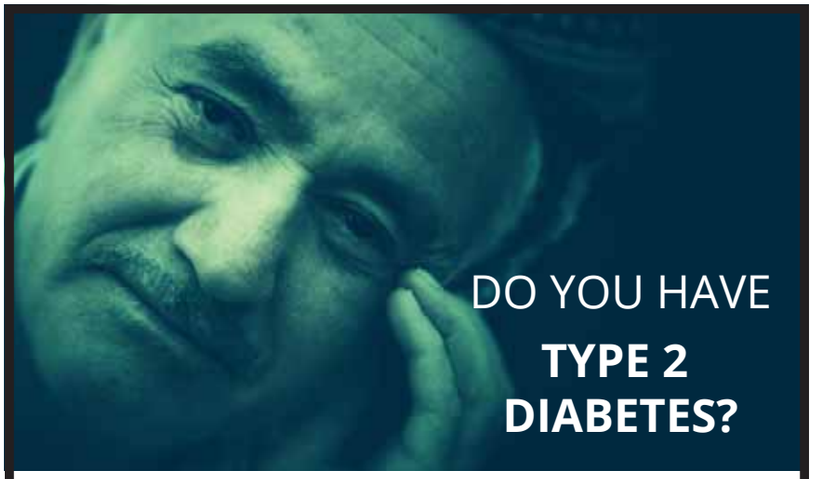

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LESLIEVILLE

Homeless shelter approved

Despite deep concern from some Leslieville residents, a city committee has given its stamp of approval to a shelter for homeless men opening on Leslie Street.

The community development committee voted 5-0 Wednesday to recommend city council give final approval to a Salvation Army application to open the 80-bed Hope shelter.

The Salvation Army chose the site, just north of Eastern Avenue, after a two-year search to replace the 124-bed shelter that was at College and McCaul streets until the building sold.

The recommendation to council, authored by the local councillor, Ward 32's Mary-Margaret McMahon, includes establishment of a community liaison committee to address residents' concerns.

Residents who addressed the committee complained about what they called a flawed consultation process. Possible ill effects of a men's homeless shelter, they said, include increased crime including drug use and public drinking, safety concerns and second-hand smoke.

Rod Rego said he's concerned about inadequate lighting on an adjacent laneway, a nearby wooded area where people use drugs now, the proximity of a rooming house and the temptation of a nearby beer store and Loblaws selling beer and wine.

"To me, in my mind as a homeowner, this might be a perfect storm of undesirable elements," Rego said.

However, other Leslieville residents, including Leigh Chapman, said homeless men have a right to be a part of her community, and to find safety and get their lives back on track.

A nurse and PhD student, she choked up talking about her brother Brad Chapman, a father of three who suffered homelessness and addiction. He died last August at age 43.

"I'd like to think that Brad could have been in a shelter in Leslieville and that maybe it would have provided the opportunity for it to be safe for us to re-establish a relationship as brother and sister," she said. "He would have been a proud uncle to my young son."

McMahon acknowledged and apologized for flaws in community consultation, including the fact that not all the surrounding homes received notice of a public meeting on the proposal.

But she said Torontonians need to break down the stigma against being on the streets. "Being homeless does not mean you lack a moral compass," she said.

Councillor Joe Mihevc predicted city council will approve the Leslieville shelter, noting that the homeless problem is only growing and he could not recall a proposed shelter being rejected. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Resident Leigh Chapman spoke in support of a men's shelter opening on Leslie Street. Her brother, Brad Chapman, was homeless and died last year after addiction struggles. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Strangers linked by mystery disorder

HEALTH

Athlete learns of rare genetic mutation by woman's call

Canadian hurdler Priscilla Lopes-Schliep can't forget the phone call. A woman from Iowa rang her up and claimed they might share a rare genetic condition.

Lopes-Schliep still recalls that Sunday in February 2014 when the caller said, "I looked you up on the Internet and I saw pictures of you."

That caller, Jill Viles, 41, has spindly arms and legs and needs a motorized scooter to get around because her muscles are too weak.

Lopes-Schliep, on the other hand, has powerful muscles all over her body. The 33-year-old former hurdler won an Olympic bronze medal in 2008.

What rare condition could they possibly share?

What triggered the call was a picture of Lopes-Schliep in her running gear, showing her powerful build. The photo was noticed by Viles' sister and set in motion the unlikely events that would tie Viles and Lopes-Schliep together.

For years, Viles pushed doctors and researchers for answers to her health problems. Viles suspected she might have lipodystrophy, a rare genetic disorder, characterized by fat accumulating in the neck, face and pelvic areas.

She had already been diagnosed with a rare gene mutation-related ailment, Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophy, which causes extreme muscle weakness and joint stiffening.

During the phone conversation on Feb. 2, 2014, the two shared their histories — similar stories about being teased about their veins while growing up, the loss of body fat. Lopes-Schliep's interest was piqued.

The two women would meet the following April at the Westin Harbour Castle hotel in Toronto. They spent the afternoon together, with Viles' mother and Lopes-Schliep's young daughters in tow.

Then came a big ask: Viles wanted Lopes-Schliep to get tested for the suspected mutation.

The runner says she didn't feel pressured and agreed because "sometimes you have a feeling in your gut."

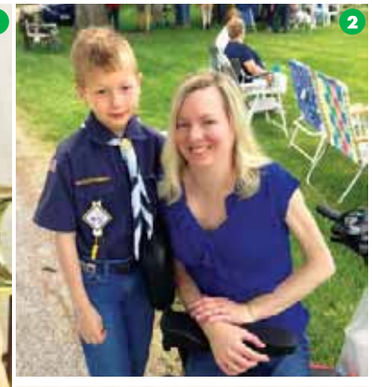
Later that year, Viles tracked down Dr. Abhimanyu Garg, a professor of internal medicine and metabolic disease at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Garg, a leading expert in lipodystrophy, agreed to conduct genetic screening to check for the condition.

The tests confirmed both Viles and Lopes-Schliep have lipodystrophy.

The discovery of the genetic link the women share is credited for saving Lopes-Schliep from a pancreatitis attack due to her condition. Garg called Lopes-Schliep to warn her she was on the verge of a pancreatitis attack because of the high level of fat in her blood, a symptom of lipodystrophy.

"My jaw dropped," the runner says. That's because her cousin had a pancreatitis attack about a year earlier and spent almost two weeks in hospital, much of that time being fed through a tube.

Lopes-Schliep says she's eternally grateful that Viles had the courage to reach out. As Viles sums it up: "It's been an amazing journey." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



1 Former Canadian Olympic hurdler and bronze-medal winner Priscilla Lopes-Schliep has something in common with Iowa mom Jill Viles: different mutations on the same gene. CONTRIBUTED **2** Viles with son Martin. CONTRIBUTED **3** Lopes-Schliep competes during the 60-metre hurdles race in Sherbrooke, Que., in 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U of A adds third gender

LGBTQ ISSUES

Student union member made inclusion a priority

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Students applying to the University of Alberta will soon have another option beyond male and female when disclosing their gender: "Another/prefer not to disclose."

"It makes the point to really say, 'We include you,'" said Cody Bondarchuk, with the student union, who campaigned on the issue when he ran for student office last year. "Talking to the students who felt like they didn't feel included was really heartbreaking."

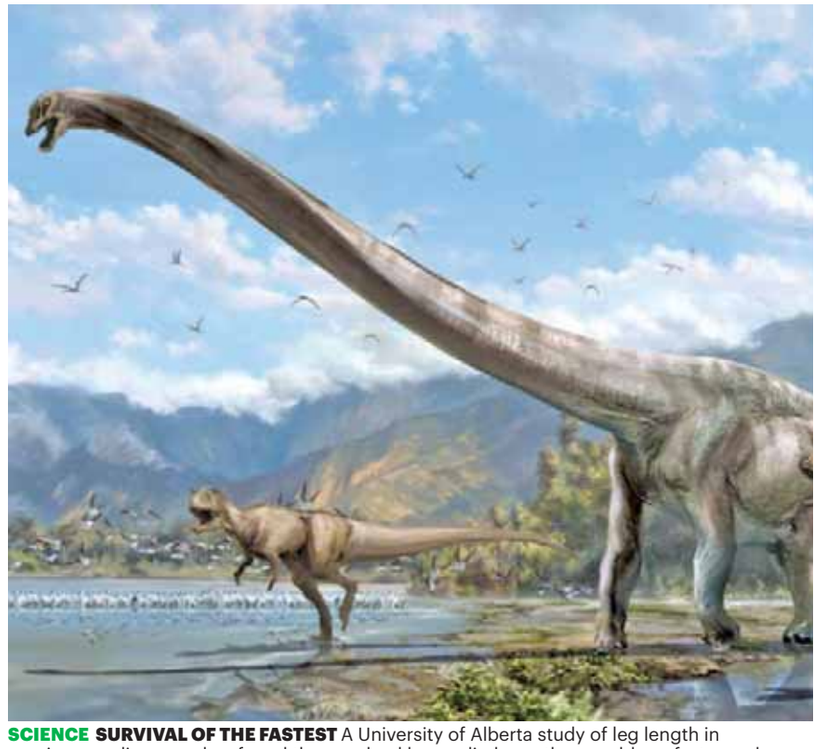
Bondarchuk said that while gender data is useful for demographics, students shouldn't have to disclose if they don't want to — and the change is part of a larger move to make non-binary students feel more welcome.

At this point the new, third option appears only on the paper application form, so university staff can input data manually and override the gender settings.

Acting associate registrar Norma Rodenburg said this is the first step in changing the way the university organizes its records. Gender is currently used by computerized systems to search student records and prevent things like duplicate profiles, which has made it difficult to remove it entirely, she said.

"But the longer goal is changing our reliance on the data points that we're using to manage our records," she added.

Rodenburg said they've had calls from potential applicants concerned about having to tick a box based on the gender binary. "When we hear that people are not applying ... because they're not comfortable, that's a problem," she said.



SCIENCE SURVIVAL OF THE FASTEST A University of Alberta study of leg length in carnivorous dinosaurs has found they evolved longer limbs so they could run faster and catch their prey. Doctoral student Scott Persons said results indicate early dinosaur meat-eaters were generally slower, but evolved to become faster over time. A key example is the Tyrannosaurus rex, which developed legs much longer than expected. "You can be a big scary thing, but if you can't get close enough to bite onto another animal it's no good to you," said Persons. UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

REFUGEE CRISIS

Tories skirted UN rules

Released documents reveal how the Conservatives' controversial approach to Syrian refugees played out. Former prime minister Stephen Harper responded to pressure to increase the number of refugees accepted by agreeing to 10,000 more, provided that religious and ethnic minorities were prioritized, though the vast majority are Muslim.

The decision to hone in on "religious minorities" prompted allegations the government was biased against Muslims and was violating UN principles of refugee resettlement. Refugees accepted for resettlement are chosen by the UN. They do not use ethnicity or religion to determine whether someone requires resettlement.

But documents tabled this week show a workaround. Visa officers were instructed to track "areas of focus" for refugees, including whether someone was a member of a vulnerable ethnic or religious minority. They applied that criteria to the files they received from the UN. "Cases meeting at least one of the areas of focus were ... expedited," the documents say. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Debate snub ensures all eyes remain on GOP frontrunner

Once again, Donald Trump steals the show.

The billionaire Republican's decision to tangle with Fox News and skip the final presidential debate before Iowa's kickoff caucuses all but ensures that he — and he alone — will dominate the conversation in the closing moments of campaigning in 2016's leadoff state.

It's a move that for any other candidate would probably be viewed as unpresidential. But for Trump, it's more likely to serve as fresh evidence that he's successfully redefining the art of presidential politics.

Instead of appearing on the debate stage Thursday night, Trump said he will host an event at the same time to raise money for wounded veterans.

The move puts the other seven Republican participants in an awkward position. Attack the party's absentee front-runner and provide him with even more attention? Or ignore him, and leave voters wondering what they think of the national Republican front-runner's hardball play just days before the Feb. 1 caucus?

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, and Fox News Channel host and moderator Megyn Kelly are pictured. Trump isn't backing down from his threat to boycott Thursday night's GOP debate after calling Kelly a "lightweight" and biased. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I think, you know, the media's been handled by him," said New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, one of Trump's rivals for the Republican nomination. "Folks have allowed him to do things that no other candidate's ever been allowed to do in American presidential history."

Trump's presidential run has been defined by such moments. He's questioned whether Arizona Sen. John McCain is worthy of being called a war hero, graphically criticized Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly and unveiled a widely condemned plan to bar Muslims from the United States.

> **At the end of the day, Mr. Trump is going to have the last laugh.**
> Corey Lewandowski, campaign manager

Each led his rivals, political professionals and pundits to predict his undoing. But instead, Trump has maintained his support in the preference polls he loves to tout — a reflection of his ability to capture the feelings of a Republican electorate deeply skeptical of the party's establishment and of the country's news organizations.

"Every candidate has the right to decide not to participate in a sanctioned debate," said Steve Duprey, the official in charge of the Republican National Committee's debate efforts. "Time will tell whether this works to his benefit or hurts his campaign." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Matador sparks outrage

A Spanish bullfighter took his five-month-old daughter into the ring with a charging bull just six months after he was "gored" while performing and nearly 22 years after his father died from bullfighting injuries.

Francisco Rivera Ordonez's daughter, Carmen, was born on Aug. 19. Just ten days earlier, her father was hospitalized after being "gored in the groin by a bull" on Aug. 11.

The Ombudsman of Andalusia referred the image, posted to Ordonez's Instagram account, to Spanish prosecutors.

The image initially provoked furor on social media, lead by animal activists such as comedian Ricky Gervais, who tweeted: "Mental, dangerous & cruel. With or without a baby."

Ordonez followed the original message, which spoke of Carmen's "debut", with a post apparently showing him in his father's arms in front of a charging bull, alongside the caption: "History repeats itself." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NIGERIA

Suicide bombers kill 9 in market

Five female suicide bombers exploded in the Chibok hometown of Nigeria's kidnapped schoolgirls on Wednesday, killing nine people and wounding 32, witnesses said.

Soldiers were searching the northeastern town late Wednesday for two other women seen with the bombers and also suspected to be strapped with explosives, according to teacher Emmanuel Cosmos.

A man at the scene said the blasts with shrapnel zapping through the air began when soldiers stopped a young women covered in a hijab for a routine search at the entrance to the open-air, roadside vegetable market in the northeast Nigerian town. She blew herself up. Then three women already inside the market exploded in quick succession. Another blast occurred at a military checkpoint at the entrance to Chibok, according to witnesses and community leader Tsambo Hosea Abana.

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Canadian clothing retailers struggling

APPAREL

International competitors take up 'huge market space'

Le Château has become a penny stock, Reitmans is trading at less than $4 and Danier Leather is at $1.35, signalling a lack of confidence in Canada's few remaining publicly traded apparel retailers.

"It isn't a big club in Canada, that's for sure, and it's a shrinking club," said Phil Lichtsztal, partner and lead of the Retail Consulting Services Group at Richter LLP.

"If we look back over the past 20 to 30 years, there is no question that these domestic retailers are very heavily challenged with the entry of international competitors like Zara, H&M and Forever 21, which have taken up huge market space and share in very little time."

On the horizon loom new competitors: Nordstrom, Simons and Japanese retailer Uniqlo.

Canadian retailers need to be more innovative, said Mark Lee, professor at the Ted Rogers School of Retail Management: "Internationally, Canadian brands aren't as strong as others in the world. No one is jumping on a plane to buy at Le Château or Holt Renfrew."

A big problem with some retailers is sameness of product, said Lichtsztal.

"If you're selling the same-old same-old in terms of experience and same-old same-old in terms of product, that is not a good mix."

The good news for troubled Canadian retailers is that the lineup of U.S. retailers trying to get into the market has vanished in the wake of Target's failure.

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A Le Château store in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RIDE-SHARING

Edmonton first city to legalize Uber

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

After a marathon debate, councillors have passed a bylaw that will make Uber legal in Edmonton, making it the first city in Canada to legalize the ride-sharing service.

In an eight-to-four vote, council passed a new bylaw that would allow Uber — or any other ride-sharing firm — to operate legally, provided they have sufficient insurance and register with the city.

Coun. Dave Loken, who opposed the bylaw, said the company's illegal operations for more than a year made it feel like council was rewarding bad behaviour. "They have completely ignored our laws. They have continued to operate without regard to what we're trying to do here," he said.

Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson said the bylaw was a step forward, even if it wasn't perfect. "It enables innovation rather than constrains it. It enables competition rather than constrains it," he said. "More choice is good for Edmontonians."

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IN BRIEF

Banks eyeing Bitcoin
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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON PIPELINE POLITICS

To watch the backlash that has attended the news that Montreal-area mayors believe the TransCanada project is too environmentally risky for the good of the people they represent, one would think they just seized on an original idea to sabotage Canada.

Notwithstanding the political furor over Montreal's opposition to the Energy East pipeline, the first test of Justin Trudeau's government's approach to the controversial pipeline file will take place in B.C.

To watch the backlash that has attended the news that Montreal-area mayors believe the TransCanada project is too environmentally risky for the good of the more than four million people they represent, one would think they make up a fifth column that has just seized on an original idea to sabotage Canada.

In the House of Commons on Monday, the Conservatives rushed to the barricades calling on Trudeau to travel to Montreal to give his former Liberal colleague Denis Coderre a dressing-down in the name of national unity.

More than a few pundits opined the prime minister would ultimately have no option other than to force a pipeline to link Alberta's oilsands to the coast of New Brunswick through his home province.

The CBC's Rick Mercer joined the chorus. "This has nothing to do with Montreal. This has nothing to do with Quebec," he ranted on this week's show, arguing that Canada's superior interest in getting more oil to market should supersede provincial or municipal considerations.

I was away from Canada on the second week of January and I might have missed a similar Mercer segment dealing with the so-called selfishness of British Columbia. On Monday, I did not hear the Conservative opposition urging Trudeau to fly to Victoria to talk reason to the premier.

And yet, in a final written submission to the National Energy Board submitted on Jan. 11, just days before the Coderre news conference, the B.C. government came down hard against a pipeline expansion that many describe as just as vital to Alberta's economic health as Energy East.

The Trans Mountain plan is different from Energy East in that it involves the tripling of the capacity of an existing pipeline. It links Alberta to the Vancouver area and the Pacific Coast. But opposition to both plans has its roots in the same public health and environmental concerns. Inasmuch as the Quebec government — in contrast with its B.C. counterpart — has not yet come down against Energy East, opposition to Trans Mountain is also of a higher order of political magnitude.

Opposition to both (pipeline) plans has its roots in the same public health and environmental concerns.

Last May, Metro Vancouver mayors lined up against the project. Vancouver's Gregor Robertson was no less blunt than Coderre last week. Based on an expert report that concluded a spill could have dire consequences for the air quality of the million people who live in the area and the region's wildlife, Robertson dismissed the project as a "bad deal for Vancouver."

In its NEB submission, Clark's government concluded the company had failed to prove it would meet stringent oil spill safety requirements.

The Kinder Morgan project was on the drawing board before East. It is further along in the regulatory process with the NEB scheduled — until Trudeau's government came up with a longer timeline and an expanded consultation process — to make a recommendation to the federal government in the spring with a final cabinet decision a few months later. That will now happen in December.

The board was always expected to make any approval of the Kinder Morgan plan contingent on a series of conditions. As things stand now, those conditions would be unlikely to sway B.C.'s municipal and provincial governments.

In a damning report published this week, federal environment commissioner Julie Gelfand found that the NEB fails to follow up on whether its conditions are met in the case of half the projects it oversees. The hope in federal Liberal circles is that the extended review announced on Wednesday will restore confidence in the process.

It is hard to imagine that the federal government would bow to provincial opposition to a pipeline at the Pacific end of the country only to turn around and force an equally unpopular project on the Atlantic side. Trudeau's success in turning the anti-pipeline tide in B.C. will go a long way to determine how far his government will push Quebec on Energy East. In the meantime, what we have had so far from some of the proponents of the TransCanada pipeline is an unhelpful case of two-tier political indignation.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: XO Canada

How you swap spit may have more to do with your postal code than your partner's preferences. According to a new survey, the way Canadians kiss varies widely from province to province. British Columbians are three times more likely than average to go for a long kiss, and Albertans are most willing to dump a bad kisser (22 per cent would, versus 17 per cent of their B.C. neighbours). And — quelle surprise! — Quebecers love French kissing most of all. Forty-seven per cent said they prefer tongue, while only 24 per cent of chaste Maritimers do; the Canadian average is 38 per cent. (It should be said that the study smacks of self-interest: It was done by a company that makes cosmetic lip filler) SOURCE: EMERVEL

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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This may be the worst January ever, but soon it will be dead.

I have a friend who, if she had to pick a last meal, would pick a dinner party.

There would be several courses and kinds of cheese, and a signature cocktail — something stiff nicknamed "The Reckoning" or "Denouement."

Only a handful of things (outside actually dying) could keep her from attending a dinner party, but January is on the list. This January, in particular.

She didn't concoct an excuse. She just wasn't feeling like herself, hadn't been for a few weeks, and thought it best to hide in a hole until it passed.

I might have been more alarmed if that didn't sound just like January, this particular January, to suck your own sense of self right out of you.

Just a few days earlier, another friend for whom crying is decidedly out of character — akin to humility on Donald Trump — admitted she burst into tears in public. In a café. Sitting at the bar as the baristas pulled espressos, "crying in their faces."

I can't remember a January feeling quite this bad. Yes, it is a notoriously terrible month. Last week we hit the saddest Monday of the year — a title with little scientific merit, but seized nonetheless by public officials holding open houses on seasonal affective disorder.

January's also dubbed divorce season, and new research from one U.K. law firm suggests that's because couples hold out over December to avoid ruining the holidays. Another friend who works in investment management noted a lot of clients tend to die in January, having similarly fought through the end of the year. That might also explain why obituaries of famous people have been headlining newscasts for weeks.

My sample size for those currently suffering from worst-January-ever is admittedly small, female, and early 30s. So maybe it's about being at an age when you feel you should be a fully formed human with a fertility plan and topped-up RRSP, so what are these emotional diapers doing here?

Never mind, January. I'm onto you. You can drape dull, shapeless clouds over grey skylines. You can sink us into unending evening blackness and strip away the little greenery left in the city. You can soak the west in daily rain till even bones feel damp, and leave us all with the sense that we'll never be all that we can be in 2016, even if we joined the army.

But in just a few days, you'll be dead, January. And eventually, so will winter. And even if we have to hide in a hole until it passes, we're going to feel like ourselves again. Soon.

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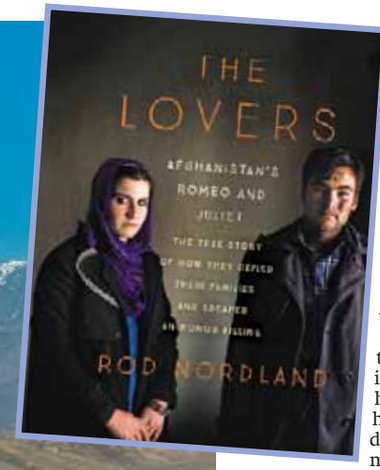

The Hindu Kush region on the outskirts of Kabul offers few hiding spots for Afghan lovers on the lam. MANJUNATH KIRAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Rod Nordland, international correspondent at large for the New York Times, thinks Canada would be the very best place for Afghanistan's Romeo and Juliet.

The veteran journalist was Kabul bureau chief for the NYT in March 2014 when he first wrote about Zakia, then 18, and Ali, 21, the young Afghan couple who risked all for love. Norland's story about the defiant lovers who went into hiding to escape death threats from Zakia's family, captivated readers around the world. The American newsman wrote more than a half dozen follow-up stories about the star-crossed pair over the next year.

So why revisit their story in book form now, Nordland was asked in a phone interview from New York on Tuesday, the day of the launch of The Lovers (HarperCollins, $33.50).

"There was no way I could do justice to it through newspaper stories," he says. "It was just very liberating to be able to say everything I thought there was to say about not just their story but the lessons that their experiences have for women in general in Afghanistan."

He hopes the book, subtitled The True Story of How They Defied Their Families and Escaped an Honor Killing, will garner so much attention that it will inspire or shame someone in authority to help the couple who are still holed up in Afghanistan; someone in a Western government who would be willing to bend the rules a bit to give Zakia and Ali asylum.

"If we turn our backs on them, they won't have any hope at all.
Rod Nordland, author of The Lovers, says of Afghanistan's women

Canada's new government has made Nordland hopeful of what he calls his "best-case scenario" for Zakia and Ali. "In the United States, we say to a refugee, OK, after we finally let you in after years and years, now we're just going to let you sink or swim, you know it's up to you," he says. "Whereas Canada gives people more of a safety net and literacy training and language training that this couple very much needs."

Nordland brings Zakia and Ali's romance vividly to life — it's easy to fall under the spell of the impetuous yet devoted couple.

But he moves The Lovers beyond that narrow narrative to locate their love story in the harrowing reality of what it means to be female in Afghanistan today.

"Some of those stories are pretty horrifying," he says. "It doesn't get much worse than the story of Brishna, the 10-year-old raped by her mullah [a religious leader]. Her family tried to arrange to marry her [to her rapist] and was supported by the president of the country."

Though Nordland admits he's felt at times that there is nothing anyone will ever be able to do about the situation in Afghanistan, he adds that we can't just say a pox on all their houses.

"There are women in Afghanistan whose expectations of a better life and freedom from this patriarchal terrorism they live under have been raised. They really do have a lot of hope for the future. If we turn our backs on them, they won't have any hope at all. In the end, as discouraging as the whole picture is, we need to try to do something about it."

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Freewheeling dreams of a 1960s Halifax man

THE MOTORCYCLIST

George Elliott Clarke pens book inspired by father's diary

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When George Elliott Clarke's father died in August 2005, the loss hit him harder than he ever imagined. Their relationship had been strained and, like many children, Clarke never felt he really understood who his dad was.

So when his dad bequeathed him his diary, Clarke found an opportunity to get to know his parent in a real way. But it took the Toronto author and poet many months before he felt emotionally ready to open the journal, which covered 1959, the year Clarke was conceived.

Therein he discovered a father he had never known — a self-taught artist who loved women and his motorcycle in equal measure, trying to make the best of his life living in economically depressed and racially tense Halifax.

Most importantly, Clarke discovered a man "who was vulnerable, uncertain about himself and indecisive," completely dissimilar to the overly confident father with whom he would constantly argue. This young man would form the core of Carl Black, the lady-killer protagonist in Clarke's new novel, The Motorcyclist, published by HarperCollins.

Clarke, who was recently appointed the Canadian Parliamentary Poet Laureate, is the most prolific and well-regarded documenter of the East Coast Africadian community. His 2001 poetry collection, Execution Poems — about his cousins, who were hanged in 1949 for the murder of a New Brunswick taxi driver — won the Governor General's Literary Award and introduced many readers outside of Atlantic Canada to an often overlooked black history. (Clarke later adapted their story into the novel, George and Rue.)

About 13 years ago, Clarke says he changed his creative process by reading his words aloud while writing. For The Motorcyclist, which pounds like a drum or the revving of an engine, Clarke recited each sentence, often twice, trying to "figure out the cadence, rhythm and musicality of a line."

The biggest challenge in writing the book, says Clarke, was getting some distance from his dad's story. He imagined what it must have been like to be part of the "On the Road generation" — immersed in the freewheeling beatnik spirit of Allen Ginsberg or Jack Kerouac, but remaining confined by geography and economic realities. His father's generation came of age just before the advent of the pill, where sexual experimentation meant the risk of unwanted pregnancies, and, often worse, marriages.

"How did those aspirations for greater freedom or liberty translate into the milieu of the Maritimes?" asks Clarke. "These were relatively small cities and folks, who may not have travelled very much or had much education, which was certainly true of the black community."

While much of Carl's journey comes from his father's life, Clarke says he is a composite character made up of the experiences of young Nova Scotian men of the era. "Carl became a way for me to explore a well-read young man with an interest in the wider world," says Clarke, "and how he navigated the somewhat narrower byways and highways of Halifax and Nova Scotia."

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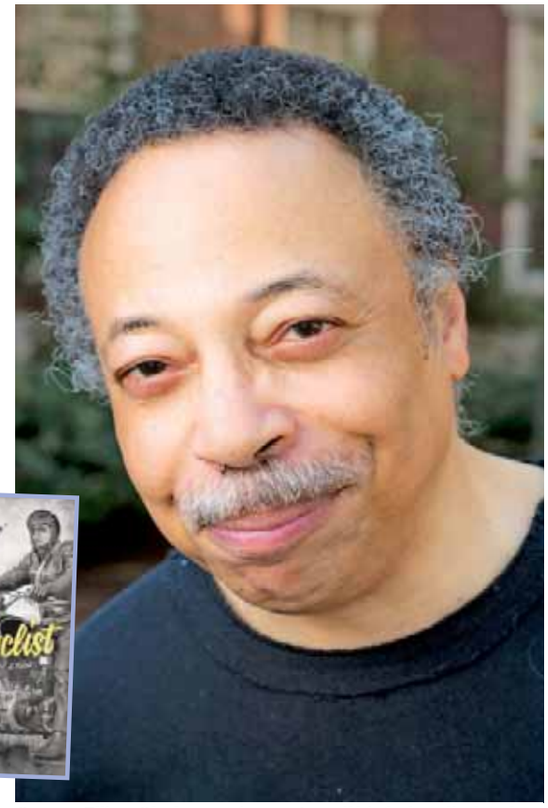
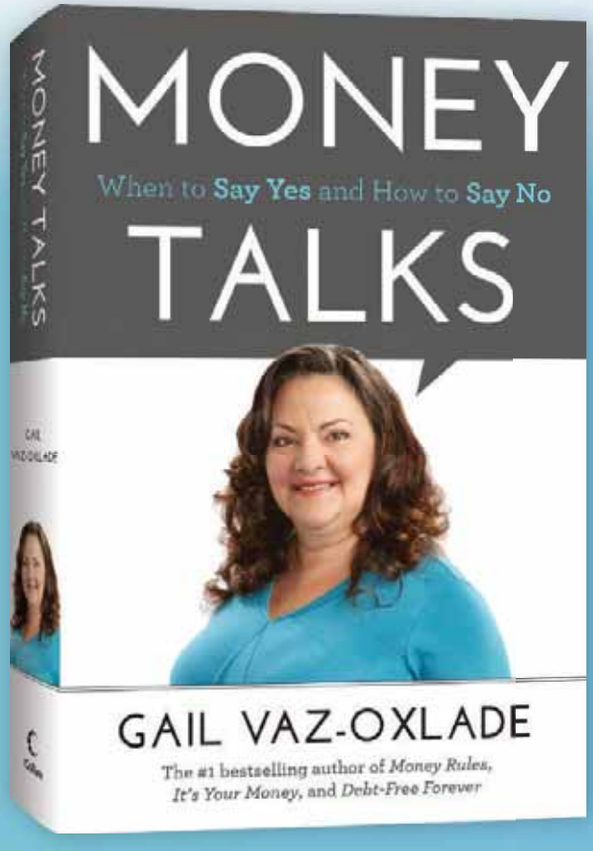


George Elliott Clarke says it wasn't until his father died and bequeathed him his diary that he had an understanding of the man. CONTRIBUTED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Aries over Clavius: Moon base

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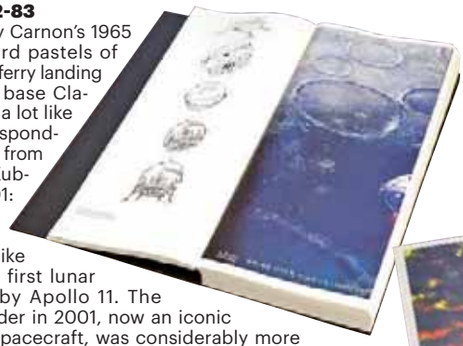
Artist Roy Carnon's 1965 storyboard pastels of the Aries ferry landing at moon base Clavius look a lot like the corresponding scene from Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey and also like the 1969 first lunar landing by Apollo 11. The Aries lander in 2001, now an iconic cinema spacecraft, was considerably more curved than the spindly Eagle which actually touched down on the moon.



Shooting, with the crew, in sterile futuristic interiors

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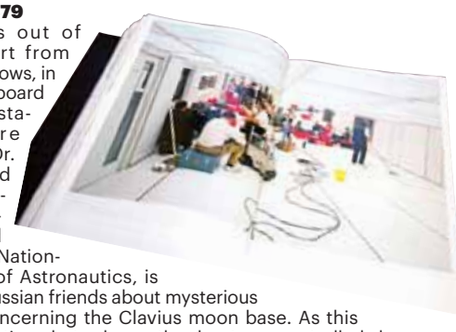
Nothing is out of place, apart from raised eyebrows, in the scene aboard the space station where tip-lipped Dr. Heywood Floyd (William Sylvester), head of the U.S. National Council of Astronautics, is grilled by Russian friends about mysterious rumours concerning the Clavius moon base. As this 1966 production photo shows, the shoot was controlled chaos, with Kubrick in the thick of it, seated top centre in a blue suit.



Concept artworks of Discovery's main control area

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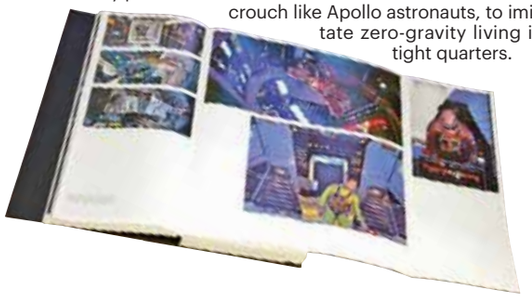
Concept art of life inside the Jupiter-bound spacecraft Discovery shows how visionary Kubrick and his team were in designing 2001. The computers and other space gear look as futuristic today as they did upon the film's release in 1968, but also entirely practical. Kubrick ordered the actors to bend and crouch like Apollo astronauts, to imitate zero-gravity living in tight quarters.



Test photo of man-ape trio silhouetted

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Long before the dawn of computer-generated images in movies, Kubrick was exploring the use of multiple projectors to achieve the artificial reality of composite photo effects. For 2001, he pioneered a front-projection system used for the Dawn of Man sequence, setting ape-like creatures — actually actors in ape suits — against exotic location footage on a background projection plane, like this test photo in the yellow light of dusk.

Heather in costume and with Honeywell 'computer'

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Back-of-seat film viewing is commonplace for today's air travellers, but the stuff of sci-fi in 1968 when 2001 premiered. But Kubrick and his designer once again accurately foresaw the future, with actress Heather Downham, playing a flight attendant aboard the space shuttle Orion, demonstrating how the screen worked. Another actress shows how much the concept of "portable" computers has changed since '68 — you'd need a very large lap to handle this briefcase computer designed for the film by Honeywell.

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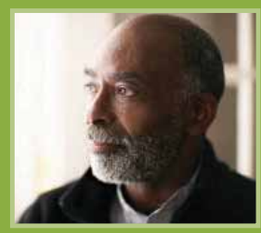

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ARCHIVES

Lost Beatrix Potter set to be published

A newly discovered story written more than a century ago by the cherished British children's author Beatrix Potter will be published in September, Penguin Random House announced Tuesday.

The Tale of Kitty-In-Boots, a story about a black cat that leads a double life, was found two years ago by Penguin Random House publisher Jo Hanks.

Potter is best known for The Tale of Peter Rabbit, which has sold 45 million copies and been translated into 36 languages. The publication of the newly-uncovered tale forms part of this year's celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of her birth.

Hanks found a reference to the story in an out-of-print literary history of the author.

A 1904 edition of the Tales of Beatrix Potter. AFP

Hanks delved into the Potter archives held at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and discovered the 1914 manuscript. AFP

BOOK BRIEFS

The Lie Tree wins Costa Book of the Year

The Lie Tree, a Victorian mystery for young readers, has won Britain's Costa Book of the Year prize — a rare triumph for youth fiction at a major literary prize.

Author Frances Hardinge said she was surprised and delighted to receive the $50,000 prize Tuesday night. She said that "sometimes children's fiction is seen as a bit lightweight, in a way that I think is not deserved."

Open to writers form Britain and Ireland, the prize selects a champion from winners in five categories: novel, first novel, biography, poetry and children's book.

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Writer and creator of Girls talks about her favourite books.
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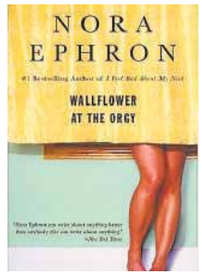
Dunham's top 3 reads

READING LIST

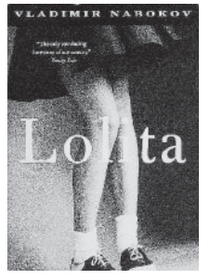
Girls' creator recommends

Lena Dunham, Emmy and Golden Globe-winning creator of HBO's Girls (Season 6 launches April 24) tells us about three books that have influenced her.

1 Wallflower at the Orgy by Nora Ephron
They're beautiful, funny personal essays that are really important to women and also great journalism. So it's a huge one for me. I dedicated my own book to Nora. She was a close friend of mine and obviously a huge influence to me and to everyone who was lucky enough to meet her. She was so supportive of me writing my own book, Not That Kind of Girl: A Young Woman Tells You What She's Learned.



2 Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov
It's just a beautiful, important novel, although it's previously been wrapped up in scandal. But when you read it, it's got a very strong morality to it. And in a lot of ways it sides with this young female character, Dolores Haze, despite being narrated by a man, and that's an unusual perspective. It still feels really modern because the use of its language feels modern and the story is fascinating.



3 Sula by Toni Morrison
It's another that is a big deal for me. I loved the book and the way that it explored relationships between women and issues of identity for women. And it was just really influential to me in my teenage years. I'd suggest that anyone would benefit and be entertained by reading these three books.

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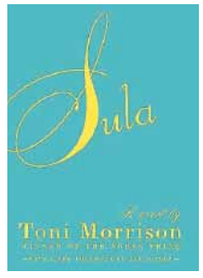


GLAAD AWARDS

Banner year for visibility

The Danish Girl is up for a GLAAD Media Award in a year where a record number of nominees feature transgender characters and subject matter. The gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and transgender advocacy group announced the 101 nominees for its 27th annual honours on Wednesday.

Academy Award contenders The Danish Girl and Carol are up for outstanding wide-release film alongside Dope, Freeheld and Grandma. The awards honour outstanding images of the LGBTQ community in music, movies, TV and journalism.

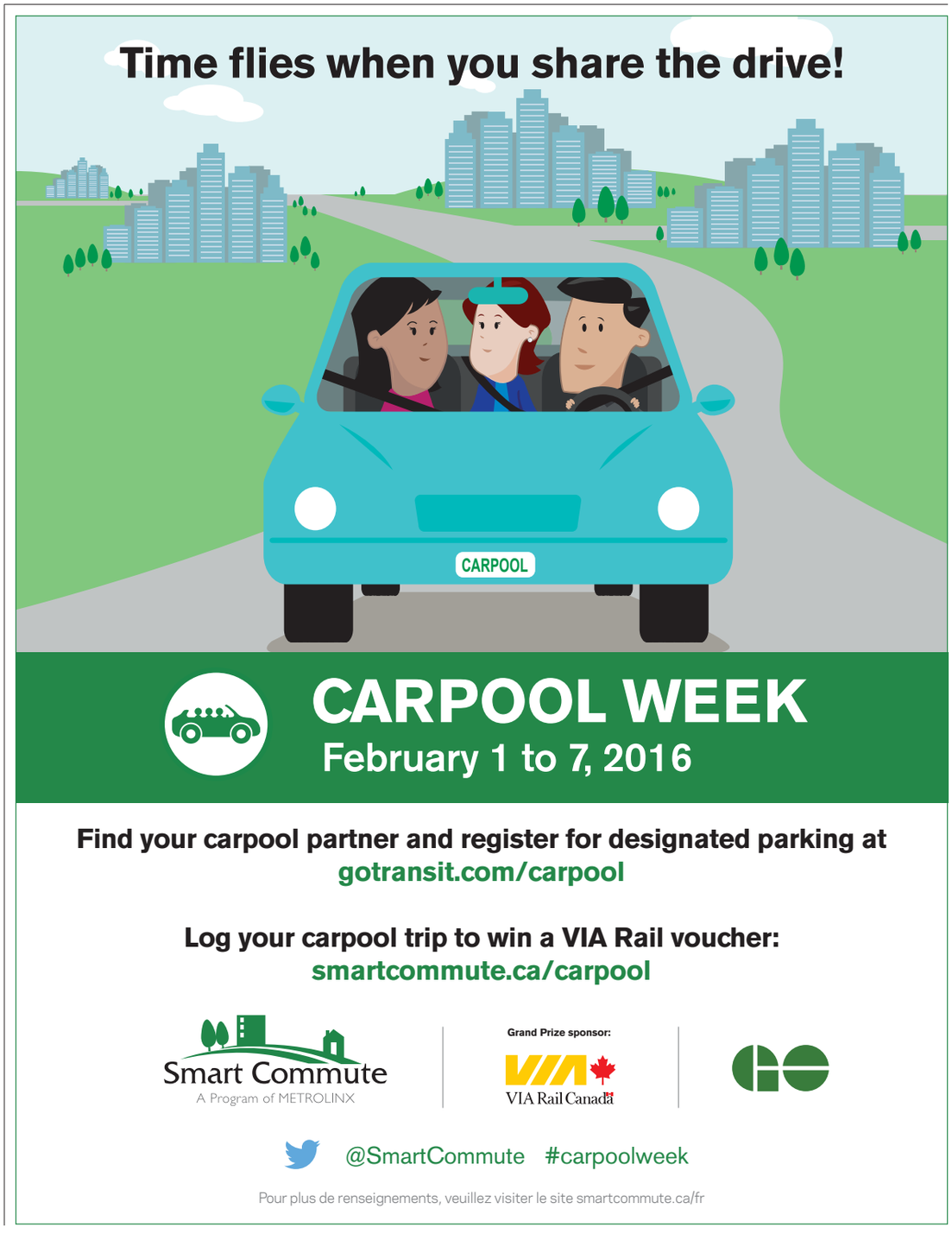
"This year's nominees have raised the bar for creating thoughtful and diverse LGBT images and story lines, deepening audiences' understanding of LGBTQ people and accelerating acceptance across the world," said GLAAD President and CEO Sarah Kate Ellis in a statement.

The awards will be presented this spring in Los Angeles and New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUSIC BRIEFS

Rihanna releases Work single featuring Drake
Rihanna announced via Twitter the release of a new track featuring Drake from her upcoming album Anti.

The release comes amid rumours that the full album will be available as early as Friday. Anti was originally expected to be released last year but has been repeatedly postponed. In 2015, three singles by Rihanna made the Billboard Hot 100: American Oxygen, Bitch Better Have My Money and FourFiveSeconds in collaboration with Kanye West and Paul McCartney. Anti will be Rihanna's eighth album. AFP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The personal side of international affairs

THE SHOW: Madam Secretary, Season 2, Episode 12 (CBS/Global)
THE MOMENT: The Incisors

U.S. Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord (the fabulous Téa Leoni) is trying to leave the office. Her chief of staff Nadine (Bebe Neuwirth) stops her. "I'll be going with you to Myanmar tomorrow instead of Jake," Nadine says.

"Okay. Everything all right?" Elizabeth asks.

"I just thought he could use a break," Nadine says. "The baby's teething. Incisors." Both women wince.

"Those are the tough ones," Elizabeth says. "What's the real reason?" Nadine takes a breath.

"I recently found out my son is there," she says.

"Your son?" Elizabeth asks, surprised.

"From a brief affair when I was touring Europe with a dance troupe," Nadine explains.

"Dance troupe?" Elizabeth asks.

Leoni and Neuwirth in Madam Secretary. CONTRIBUTED

"Before law school," Nadine replies.

"You and I really should have gone out for a drink at some point," Elizabeth says.

This is why I watch this show. Yeah, yeah, it's about international events — ambassador trade agreement embargo diplomacy blah blah. What it's really about is how women navigate their careers/personal lives.

Elizabeth is a diplomat — but aren't we all, when it comes to massaging bosses' egos, managing underlings and trying to keep our families from resenting us too much. Women in power talk about teething. Right on.

After this, we cut to Elizabeth at home, lugging a suitcase down her stairs in heels, while her husband and daughters sit a metre away at the breakfast table, immersed in their phones.

"Okay, I'm off to the treaty signing in Myanmar!" Elizabeth trills. No one even looks up. Every working mother has played that scene.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

THE 100

Sci-fi series breaking TV rules

Based originally on the trilogy penned by Kass Morgan, the apocalyptic series follows 100 delinquent minors from a space colony low on resources who travel to a nuclear-riddled Earth to see if it is habitable. A Lord of the Flies-inspired social experiment ensues as the teens learn to navigate the land and fend off attacks from those who made a home there after the thermonuclear cataclysm.

Since its 2014 premiere, Vancouver-shot series The 100 has strayed far from the original source material, creating a world in which LGBTQ and female role models shine through unlike few other shows on television.

Here's a look at how the CW series, also available on Netflix Canada, is poised to continue breaking boundaries and offering up strong social commentary in its just debuted third season.

The LGBTQ characters

In the Season 3 premiere, main character Clarke (Eliza Taylor) is intimate with another female. According to showrunner Jason Rothenberg, that scene was intentionally designed to solidify Clarke as a bisexual character without needing a debate or dialogue about her sexuality as part of the storyline. That silence speaks volumes about accepting gender fluidity and sexuality without explanation.

Actors Eliza Taylor, Marie Avgeropoulos and Adina Porter star in the CW sci-fi series The 100. RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION/AP

The female leaders

Having a character the media can describe as a "strong, powerful woman" isn't a new thing; in fact it could be overrated. But having several complex female role models who are respected in their communities, able to interact with each other, battle with the best of the dudes and define their own sexuality certainly is. While there is an equal mix of gender on The 100, it's the women who have saved the day on numerous occasions.

Social commentary

If at their core humans are self-destructive, The 100 doesn't shy away from that belief. History is often repeated on the series, and the pros and cons of ideologies explored, from communism and dictatorships to leaders with the power to expel entire populations. In keeping with the current American political climate, the third season features a Donald Trump-type character with some scary ideas about how to best serve his people, even if it means spreading hate and prejudice for his own gain.

War games

Each season has focused on one particular war with a common enemy, showcasing the strategies and sacrifices involved. Certainly, TV series have taken greater risks with character deaths since Game of Thrones and The Walking Dead, but this show isn't afraid to show what true sacrifice looks like in the name of the greater good. It also showcases the effects of those decisions; if a character is hurt, physically or emotionally, they aren't cured the next week.

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A heritage renaissance in T.O.

CONDO TRENDS

New buildings incorporating historic properties

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

There's a renaissance taking place in downtown Toronto.

It would seem that every city block is undergoing some kind of new construction, in an effort to revitalize downtown neighbourhoods to meet a growing need for housing. Some developers have undertaken the challenge of heritage restorations. Metro takes a look at some of the condo projects that retain a bit of Toronto's history.

Developments like The Selby Condos (left) and The Five Condos will contain heritage properties. PHOTOS DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO; THE SELBY CONDOS RENDERING COURTESY CITYZEN DEVELOPMENTS

The Selby Condos, where Ernest Hemingway lived

The old Clarion Hotel and Suites Selby mansion at 592 Sherbourne St. is slated for a condominium project by Cityzen Developments. The Selby Condos will feature a residential tower with street-level podium and will occupy the site of the historic Victorian mansion, one-time home to writer Ernest Hemingway and his wife. Plans are underway for a heritage restoration of the 130-year-old building, originally the home of distillery magnate Charles H. Gooderham.

1 Yonge St.: Mid-19th century restoration

A new condo development by Bazis Inc. and Plazacorp will occupy the corner at 1 Yorkville Ave. and Yonge Street. Walking along Yonge, you can see a stretch of boarded-up heritage storefronts. These mid-19th century era buildings will be incorporated into the street-level presence of the condominium. Suites finishes in the 58-storey tower will include pre-engineered flooring, imported porcelain tile in bathrooms, and gourmet kitchens with quartz countertops.

The Five Condos: Once a warehouse

The Five Condos at 5 St. Joseph is a joint project by Graywood and MOD developments which aims to animate this dreary section of Yonge Street which until recently, consisted of a stretch of outlet stores and fast food takeouts occupying the block at the corner of Yonge and St. Joseph streets. Under construction for several years, the ambitious project is very near completion, ready for move in and with its row of heritage storefronts ready to roll. The century-old campus was the original warehouse and office space for Toronto's largest moving company, Rawlinson Cartage. The row of narrow, three-storey storefronts date back to the late 1800s and have been retained and restored.

> **CORE Architects managed a tasteful transition between ancient and modern.**

75 St. Nicholas St.: former Jesuit divinity school

The 75 St. Nicholas St. condos by Urban Capital is located on the former site of Regis College, the Jesuit divinity school of the University of Toronto. The condo retains the façade of the three-storey brick building at 65-67 St. Nicholas Street that once housed the great hall of the college. CORE Architects managed a tasteful transition between ancient and modern with the remainder of the three-storey podium comprised of townhouse units, the lobby and indoor amenity space. Suites feature custom Cecconi Simone designed kitchen and bathroom cabinetry

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GRAND OPENING

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BILD

Condo living is on the horizon for new families

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

As prices of new low-rise homes in the GTA continue to reach all-time highs, more and more families are calling new condominiums home.

The GTA continues to grow, with up to 36,000 new families formed every year, and demand for family-friendly condominiums is on the rise.

The building and land development industry is responding to the demand for family-friendly condos and many new high-rise developments feature larger suites, extra storage space, outdoor space and child-friendly amenities.

A key component of building family-friendly condominiums is designing suites that are practical and appealing to parents with young children.

That means creating units that maximize living space to keep the homes affordable, while ensuring there is ample space to store toys and strollers. Builders are doing this through sacrificing bedroom size to increase living room space and to provide deeper closets.

Developers like H&W Development Corporation are building condos with larger suites that cater to purchasers starting a family or already raising kids.

The suites at the company's Fontana Condos development in Markham average around 800 square feet, and the two-bedroom-plus-den layouts garner lots of attention fro m families with small children.

> **The building and land development industry is responding to the demand for family-friendly condos.**

The family-sized suites are complimented by a two-acre urban park adjacent to the development that H&W is building with the City of Markham.

The park was designed with families in mind, and features a playground for the kids and plenty of benches for parents.

Other projects, like The Eglinton by Menkes Developments in Toronto, bring the playground indoors.

The Eglinton features a Kids Room with child-friendly flooring, furniture and built-in stations with toys designed to stimulate learning.

The developer was inspired to create the child focused amenity space because of the increase in the number of families moving into its developments in recent years.

Tridel's Islington Terrace development will include both indoor and outdoor spaces designed for children. Inside there will be a colourful Children's Play Room with plenty of tables for activities such as arts and crafts.

Outside the development will have a dedicated Children's Play Zone with a splash pad. Meanwhile the developer's Metrogate community offers two daycare centres on site.

These are just a few examples of why new communities in the GTA are among the best in the world.

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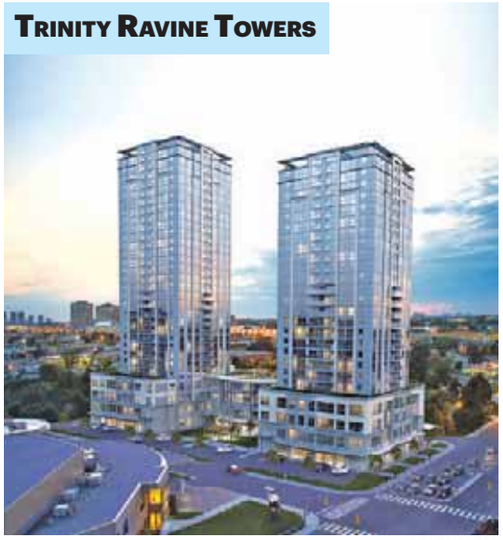
Trinity Ravine Towers



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What: Trinity Ravine Towers
Builder: Global Kingdom Ministries
Architect: Reinders + Rieder Ltd.
Interiors: Johnson Chou Inc.
Location: 1250 Markham Rd.
Building: 448 units in two high-rise towers with a four-storey podium.
Sizes: From 667 to 1,453 sq. ft.
Pricing: From $301,000 to $642,000
Suites: One bedroom, one bedroom plus den; two bedroom, two bedroom plus den
Status: Pre-construction
Occupancy: Fall 2018
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Hours: Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1:30 to 5 p.m. Closed Fridays.
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Project overview

The two contemporary high-rise towers are united by a four-storey amenity-rich podium. The light stone-coloured community marries modern design with classical elegance to create spacious, welcoming suites. The residences offer community-based activities that encourage residents to maintain an active lifestyle.

Location and transit

The community is located at Markham Road and Highway 401. Residents will be close to the regional transit hub at the Scarborough Town Centre, for connections to the TTC and GO transit. Motorists will enjoy a quick commute along the nearby 401.

In the neighbourhood

Trinity Ravine is situated on a tranquil, park-like ravine next to convenient transit, shopping and recreational services. It's a short trip away from Scarborough Town Centre and close to pharmacies, banks, grocery stores, restaurants and cinemas.

Housing Amenities

There's lots to do, with a fitness centre, common rooms, movie and media lounges. There's a craft room and workshop, games room, wellness centre, a library and a computer lab. Onsite is a restaurant and a café. DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

LEGAL MATTERS

Tax adjustments shouldn't be taxing to understand

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: We are selling our condo at the end of the month and our lawyer has adjusted for the realty taxes that we should have paid. I don't understand how he calculates this. Is there a simple explanation for this?

A: Annual realty taxes you pay to your municipality are not as straightforward as one might assume. Depending on where you live determines when taxes are due and how much should be paid.

In Canada's largest city, the taxes are due in six installments: March 1, April 1, May 1 and then July 1, August 1 and September 1.

Depending on when you close, you may have overpaid our underpaid your taxes.

The basic idea for the adjusting calculation is that your lawyer will calculate the taxes you should have paid on a per day basis and then adjust up or down depending on the amount you have paid.

January tax adjustments are a bit more complicated because usually the municipality has not calculated what their annual increase in the tax rate will be.

Usually, your lawyer will take the previous year's taxes paid and then gross that amount up by an appropriate percentage to calculate what should have been paid.

Then he would credit the purchaser for this amount because you have made no installments towards that year's taxes.

Not as clear-cut as you might think, but an adjustment that should be understood when buying or selling a property.

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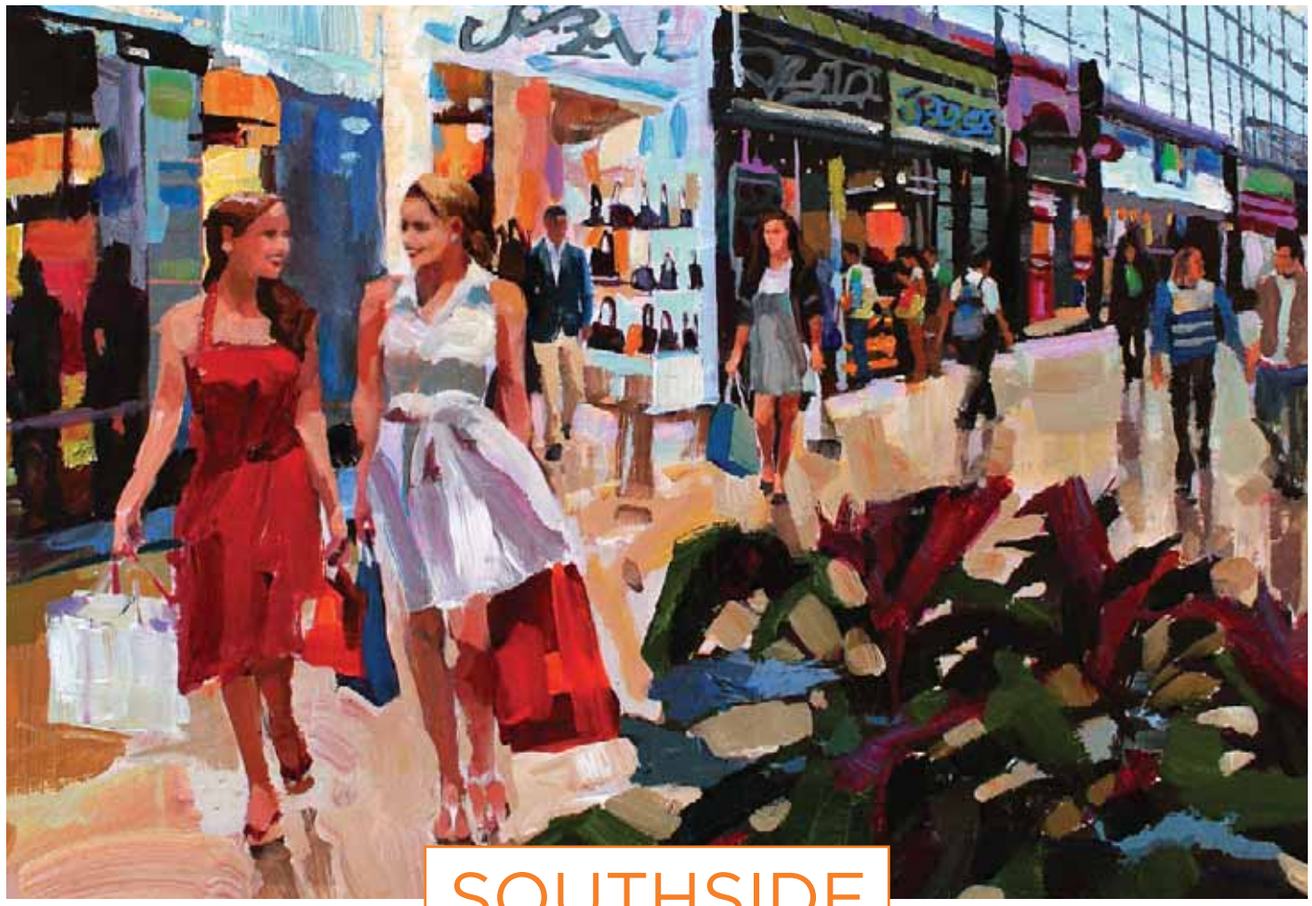

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Kondo strives for 'world peace'

Marie Kondo became famous for telling people to go through everything they own and only hold on to items that "spark joy." She's back with more advice in the illustrated follow-up Spark Joy: an Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up . NATSUNO ICHIGO/TEN SPEED PRESS

SPARK JOY

Queen of tidying up aims high in follow-up

Author of the international best-seller The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up (Ten Speed Press, 2014), Kondo became famous for advising readers how to transform their lives by sifting through their belongings one by one, embracing those that "spark joy" and bidding a fond but hasty farewell to the rest.

Her new book, Spark Joy: an Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up (Ten Speed), provides illustrations and more detail.

"After I published my first book, a lot of readers came with a lot of questions," the petite, soft-spoken Kondo said in Japanese, after a presentation to a packed auditorium at the Japan Society in New York.

She also has a fresh perspective as a new mother.

"My daughter is only six months old, so my method hasn't changed ... She cannot make a mess yet. What has surprised me most is the amount of stuff a baby needs," Kondo said, sitting primly at the edge of her seat.

With an understated sense of humour, she notes in her new book that one of the people with whom she has had to share her storage methods is her new husband, himself so minimalist that he moved in with only four cardboard boxes of belongings.

"I am learning that unspoken family rules differ from one household to another, and that storage methods I had assumed were obvious need to be properly shared and explained," she writes.

Kondo's earlier book had no illustrations; Spark Joy is full of her charming, child-like drawings of everything from organized kitchen cupboards, to folding techniques for clothes ranging from underwear to frilly blouses to hoodies.

Only when we accept unconditionally people whose values differ from our own can we really say that we have finished tidying. Marie Kondo

"It is very important that you know how to fold clothes in the correct way," she informed the crowd at the Japan Society, before daintily approaching a demonstration table where a small pile of clothing awaited. For one thing, "make sure you put a lot of love through your palms," she said.

Spark Joy includes advice on moving, packing and decorating with tiny, cheerful knick-knacks (this is smile-inducing minimalism).

She even gives a nod to those who don't thrill to tidying up. Kondo admitted to her New York audience that she regrets some of her earlier zeal in discarding her family's belongings. Or, as she says in the new book, "Only when we accept unconditionally people whose values differ from our own can we really say that we have finished tidying."

While she may have mellowed in some respects, her goals are in no way diminished. Proper tidying up, she happily announced to the rapt audience, brings not only life-changing magic but a sense of joy that can spread from household to household, country to country.

"I believe my method will lead to world peace in the end," she said, smiling sweetly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Minnesota Timberwolves forward Andrew Wiggins will play in the NBA All-Star Rising Stars Challenge on Feb. 12 here in his hometown

Raonic one step closer to playing for Grand Slam

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

No. 2-ranked Murray awaits in semifinals

Canada's Milos Raonic has made significant changes to his game since the last time he played Andy Murray. It should add an interesting wrinkle to his Australian Open semifinal against the second-seeded Scot.

Raonic reached the final four in Melbourne for the first time Wednesday with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Gael Monfils of France. The 25-year-old from Thornhill, who made his only other Grand Slam semifinal appearance at Wimbledon in 2014, will take a nine-game winning streak into Friday's matchup with Murray, who beat Spain's David Ferrer 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-3.

The Canadian already has one of the most impressive power games on the men's tour. He has made improvements to his volley game of late and it paid off with a title victory at the recent Brisbane International.

Murray, meanwhile, has one of the best return games in the sport and has risen to No. 2 in the world rankings, 12 positions higher than Raonic. They are 4-4 in career head-to-head matches, with Murray winning their last two meetings — in 2015 at Madrid and late 2014 in London.

"As much as I look back on it, even before I went on court today I was paying attention to what he was doing," Raonic said. "Because far from where we were 14 months ago, we're both very different and I think improved players from then.

"So I have certain aspects that I would like to manipulate and use my game in, and I'm sure he's going to try to do a lot of different things too. I think it's going to be a race to who can get in the comfort zone of themselves first."

Raonic is the second Canadian singles player to reach the Australian Open semifinals. The other is Eugenie Bouchard of Westmount, Que., who did it in 2014.

He's also just the second Canadian to reach a Grand Slam men's singles semifinal after Robert Powell did it in 1908 at Wimbledon.

Raonic beat Murray on clay in Barcelona in 2012 and they split their hard-court matches that year at the U.S. Open and in Japan. Raonic also beat Murray on the Indian Wells hardcourt in 2014 and both have a walkover win over the other as well.

"I have a great challenge ahead of me, but I believe I can find a solution," Raonic said. "I'll put in a great effort, I can't wait to make the most of this opportunity."

With the victory over Monfils, Raonic equalled his personal-best winning streak of nine matches from 2012.

"I was creating a bunch of chances for myself," Raonic said. "I made good use of a few of them — I then continued to make the most of those little leads."

Raonic, who showed little emotion until the final point, completed the victory in just over two hours. Monfils, who had a 14-10 edge in aces, is now 2-2 lifetime against Raonic, with the other loss coming via walkover.

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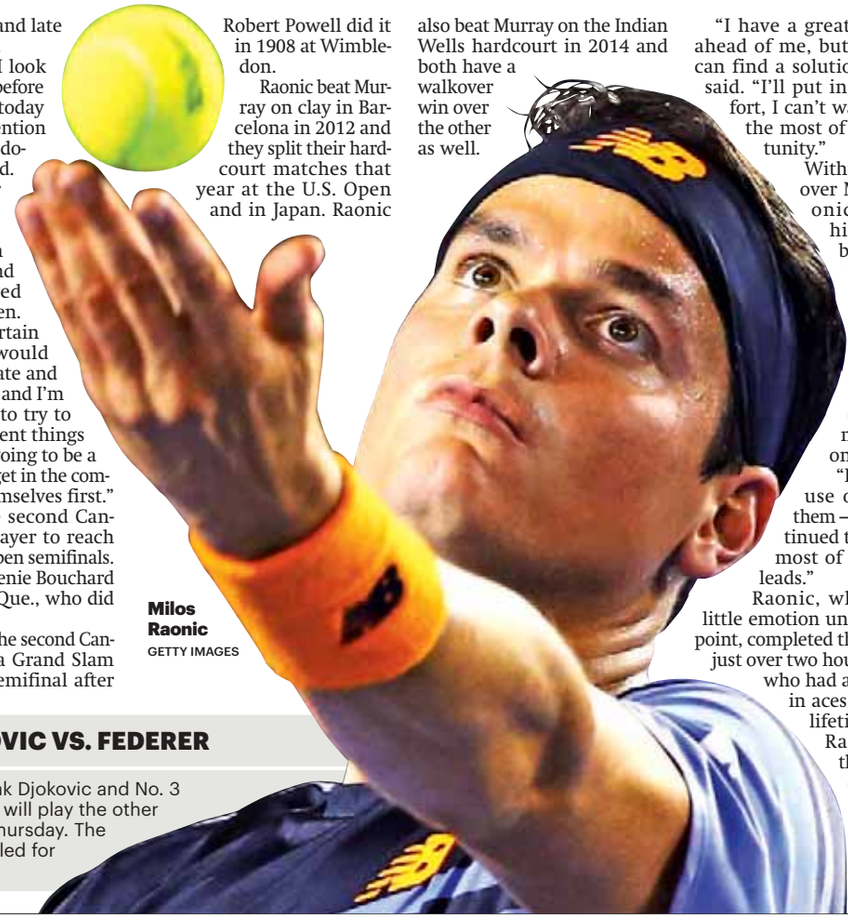

Milos Raonic
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DJOKOVIC VS. FEDERER

Top seed Novak Djokovic and No. 3 Roger Federer will play the other semifinal on Thursday. The final is scheduled for Sunday.

NHL

Bolts blank Buds

WEDNESDAY In Tampa

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Andrei Vasilevskiy made 30 saves, Steven Stamkos scored his 21st goal and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 1-0 on Wednesday night.

Tampa Bay entered the all-star break by winning eight of its last nine games.

Jonathan Bernier stopped 28 shots for the Maple Leafs, who have lost nine of 10 (1-7-2). Toronto has been outscored 31-11 during that stretch.

Stamkos put the Lightning up 1-0 at 4:38 of the first with a shot from the left circle during a power play. The Tampa Bay captain can become a free agent July 1 and there has been ongoing speculation about the possibility of the Toronto-area native joining the Maple Leafs.

Bernier kept the Maple Leafs close with several nice saves, including one on Alex Killorn's power-play breakaway, as Toronto was outshot 13-0 during the game's first 12-1/2 minutes.

The Leafs were not without their opportunities but Vasilevskiy turned aside a breakaway shot by Michael Grabner early in the second and Morgan Rielly had a shot ring off the crossbar two minutes into the third.

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Toronto Raptors shooting guard DeMar DeRozan and fiancée Kiara Morrison took two-year-old daughter Diar to meet Grade 5 students from around Toronto to promote the First Book Canada All-Star Reading Challenge on Wednesday.

The program pushes Grade 5 students to read a book each week for 10 weeks and write a report on each title per week.

The class with "the most comprehensive" book reports will win tickets to a Raptors 905 game and new books for their whole school.

The event will distribute more than 3,000 brand-new books to students in low-income areas around the GTA.

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Casey warns team of streak distractions

RAPTORS

Toronto can beat franchise record with 10 straight wins

DeMar DeRozan was 12 years old the last time the Toronto Raptors roared to a nine-game winning streak, setting a franchise record that stood for 14 years.

The Raptors had lost 13 consecutive games, and star Vince Carter was out with patellar tendinitis. But backed by inspired efforts by Antonio Davis and Keon Clark, they turned it around, winning 12 of 14 down the stretch to claim a playoff spot on the final day of the 2001-02 regular season.

The Raptors are poised to do one better Thursday night. A victory over the New York Knicks would stretch their win streak to a 10.

While streaks are all well and good for fans, coach Dwane Casey said his team isn't pausing to celebrate the numbers adding up in the win column.

"We can't dwell on that, we've got to go game for game, quarter for quarter, possession by possession," Casey said after Wednesday's practice at the Air Canada Centre. "To get caught up in those wins, you get caught up in the wrong things, and for me as a coach and for our team, it's good but it's not the end goal."

"There's no breaks, nothing significant."
Raptors coach Dwane Casey on Kyle Lowry's injury.

Kyle Lowry
GETTY IMAGES

The Raptors could be without all-star point guard Kyle Lowry, who sat out practice with a sore left wrist suffered in the team's 106-89 victory over Washington the previous night.

Lowry didn't practise Wednesday and is questionable for the game against the visiting New York Knicks.

"He's a little sore, but we'll see where he is (Thursday). There's no breaks, nothing significant," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said.

The Raptors are just two games behind Cleveland for first place in the Eastern Conference. Their 30-15 record is identical to what they had at this point last season, and it meant little come playoff time when they were swept in humiliating fashion in the first round, by Washington.

The Raptors expect to face a tough test against the Knicks (22-25), who beat Toronto at the Air Canada Centre 111-109 on Nov. 10. The Knicks are hoping to stay in playoff contention, sitting two spots out of the eighth and final position in the East.

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NBA

James rejects notion he undermines coaches

LeBron James disdains the notion he's a coach killer.

Widely criticized in basketball circles for a perception that he pushed for Cleveland's front office to fire David Blatt last week, James said the criticism that he undercuts coaches is unfair.

"But what can I do about it?" he said following shootaround on Wednesday as the Cavs prepared to play the Phoenix Suns.

"I've never, in my time since I picked up a basketball, ever undermined a coach, ever disrespected a coach," he said. "You ask any of my little league coaches, my high school coaches, coaches I've played for in tournaments, camps, my NBA coaches, I've always respected what they wanted to do."

Blatt was fired Friday midway through his second season despite having them atop the Eastern Conference standings and leading the team to the NBA Finals last season.

LeBron James
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Blatt's dismissal — he's the third coach fired on a team James has played on — led to some condemnation of the four-time league MVP. On Tuesday, a limited partner with the Heat said during an interview on Israeli radio that James tried to get Erik Spoelstra fired in Miami.

Blatt was replaced by Tyronn Lue, his top assistant and a former NBA player who has known James since he was a 17-year-old high school phenom.

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NFL

Top-notch Newton shrugs off his critics

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton suggested for the first time Wednesday that race may play a factor in why he's become a lightning rod for public criticism.

"I'm an African-American quarterback that scares people because they haven't seen nothing that they can compare me to," said the six-foot-five, 245-pound Newton. The No. 1 pick in the 2011 NFL draft out of Auburn, Newton has his share of detractors who either don't like how he plays, his celebrations or his abundance of self-confidence.

Newton, a leading league MVP candidate putting up record-breaking numbers, said he learned a long time ago that he can't please everyone.

Cam Newton
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"People are going to judge, and have opinions on things I don't have control over," Newton said.

Newton is beating teams with his arm and his legs, throwing for 35 touchdowns and running for 10 this season. He has helped lead the Panthers (17-1) to their first Super Bowl since 2003. Carolina plays the AFC champion Denver Broncos on Feb. 7 at the Super Bowl in Santa Clara, Calif.

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CANADIAN JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

New-found success for Nunavut teams

After nearly four years without a win at the Canadian junior curling championships, Nunavut teams have racked up two victories in less than 24 hours.

Arthur Siksik's team from Rankin Inlet ended a 33-game losing streak for Nunavut's men's team at the tournament with a 9-6 win over Matt Miller on Wednesday.

The historic victory came after Sadie Pinksen's women's team beat the Northwest Territories 7-3 on Tuesday.

"Well, actually, I was half happy, half disappointed," Siksik said with a laugh. "I wanted to be the first. I was being selfish. But it was good to see the girls win."

Pinksen's team, based in Iqaluit, was able to watch the final couple ends and join in the celebration with the Nunavut men.

Meanwhile, in the championship round, 2013 gold medallist Matt Dunstone of Manitoba and Tyson Tardi of B.C. both improved to 7-0.

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Skip Arthur Siksik led Nunavut to victory on Wednesday in Stratford, Ont. J.P. MOCZULSKI/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Bad De Bruyne injury sours City's semifinal victory
Manchester City manager Manuel Pellegrini says Kevin De Bruyne damaged the medial ligament in his knee in the win over Everton in their English League Cup semifinal match Wednesday.

De Bruyne was stretchered off after falling awkwardly following a tackle from Everton's Ramiro Funes Mori.

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Ducks' Stoner pleads guilty to hunting without a licence
NHL defenceman Clayton Stoner has pleaded guilty to hunting without a licence related with a grizzly bear hunt on B.C.'s central coast.

Stoner, 30, who plays for the Anaheim Ducks, appeared in an Abbotsford, B.C., court on Wednesday to face one charge under the provincial Wildlife Act.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This crispy, lemon-y chicken is highly addictive and should only be cooked if you're ready to make it once a week for the rest of your life. You've been warned.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 pint of cherry tomatoes
- 1 garlic clove, sliced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp of balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 cup panko
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, finely grated
- 1 Tbsp lemon zest
- 2 eggs
- 1 or 2 Tbsp olive oil

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Place tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper on a baking sheet. Toss together then bake 20 minutes. Set aside.
3. With a sharp knife, slice the chicken in half so you end up with four thin cutlets. Place them on a work surface between two sheets of cling film. Use a rolling pin or meat mallet and pound until cutlets are 1/4-inch thin.
4. Whisk eggs in a shallow bowl. Mix panko, Parmesan, lemon zest and salt and pepper on a plate. Dip each piece of chicken into the egg, then press them on each side in the panko mixture and place on a clean plate.
5. Pour olive oil in skillet over medium heat. Place chicken in the hot oil and cook on each side until they're golden brown and crispy, about 5 minutes a side.
6. Serve with fresh arugula and roasted cherry tomatoes.

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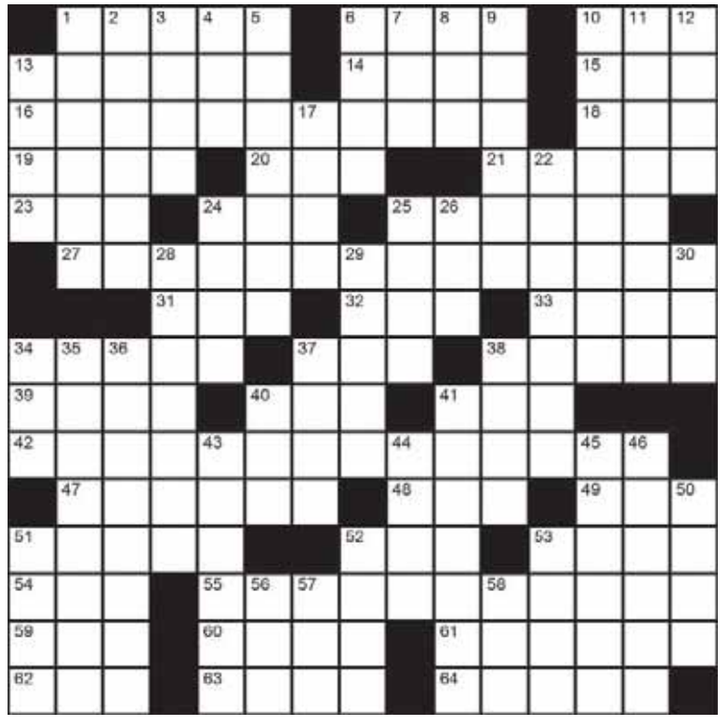

ACROSS
1. Sampled
6. Alpha, __, gamma...
10. "Law & Order: _ _ _"
13. TV personality Ms. Shepherd
14. Awestruck
15. Never: German
16. As per #27-Across... __ citizen
18. Basketball's li'l Magic city
19. Barge __ __ (Intrude)
20. Shed tool
21. Play it up on stage
23. Green places in cities [abbr.]
24. __-dropping
25. "Calling Occupants of Interplanetary Craft" is a song by Canadian band __ that The Carpenters covered in 1977
27. It says only a #16-Across is eligible for Office of President: acr. + wd.
31. Egg layer
32. Mr. McMahon's
33. D'Urbervilles heroine
34. Mr. Martin (Coldplay singer)
37. Angry
38. Cast
39. Judge
40. Games org.
41. Superstar
42. Tom Cochrane hit: 4 wds.
47. Sparks of light
48. Little: French
49. Cave
51. Treaty of __ (War of 1812 finisher)
52. Web feed syst. for updates
53. Rattle
54. Sen. Ted Cruz (_-_-_): 2016 Presidential candidate who came into the world in Canada in 1970, that's why #27-Across has been in headlines lately
55. Start of the American document at #27-Across created in 1787: 3 wds.
59. Riddle-me-__
60. "Rolie Polie _"
61. GM car safety system
62. Medical pros
63. Actress Ms. Ward
64. Breakfast serving

DOWN
1. Alanis Morissette song: wd. + letter
2. Flip the coin again
3. Lady Antebellum's "_ __ to You"
4. Be mistaken
5. Actress Ms. Carroll
6. Styx tune
7. Self-importance
8. Leafs, on scoreboards
9. Lamb: French
10. Even more snobby
11. Skilled violinist
12. River to the Ubangi
13. Cut
17. Un-highs
22. Actor Mr. Perry
24. Pesci and Piscopo
25. Captain __ (17th-century sailor)
26. Mil. officers
28. Add one's opinion to the debate: 2 wds.
29. Instruct
30. Australian state [acronym]
34. Gladiator's 450
35. Intensify
36. Automatic reactions
37. Extinct flightless birds
38. "Ac-Cent-__-Ate the Positive"
40. 'Lobby' suffix
41. Laser target in a dermatologist's office, perhaps: 2 wds.
43. How animals boarded Noah's Ark: 2 wds.
44. __ dixit (Unproven claim)
45. Adjusts
46. Loudly scold: 2 wds.
50. Not ever, poetically
51. Rover's warning
52. Ms. Perlman
53. Pink: Spanish
56. 'Client' ending (Patronage)
57. Up to, poetically
58. Antacid brand

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't back off. The only way you are going to get past your problems is by rolling up your sleeves and getting stuck in to whatever it is that is making you feel blue.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your social life will get a boost- and there's a possibility that love will come into your life — you will certainly meet someone who gets your pulse racing. It may not be the love of your life, but it will be fun!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are living beyond your means and must make the necessary adjustments. They will be even more painful in the long-term if you don't make them now.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You have to be ruthless with those who seem to get a kick out of making life difficult for you. Both in your personal life and at work don't be afraid to cut ties that hold you back.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There are times when even a Leo knows they must bend with the breeze. The winds of change are simply too strong for you to resist any longer. It's time for a change!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You're in one of those moods — you enjoy stirring up trouble. There's something in the Virgo nature that delights in creating chaos. You're sure to say or do something that causes an uproar today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You're willing to fight for what you believe in, and that's good because you will be challenged by someone who disagrees strongly with your opinions today. Don't give them an inch — there is no middle ground!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone will come into your life and open your eyes to new possibilities. They'll remind you that, important as your own affairs are, there is a world out there that cannot be ignored.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem to prefer the dream world inside your head to the real world around you. What happens next will remind you that the real world is not such a bad place.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Look back over the past few months and ask yourself what you actually achieved. Rather a lot, most likely, so why are you still feeling down? Snap out of it because new opportunities are coming. Be ready for them.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your head is full of great ideas but they must stay there; you won't have the chance to follow up on them for a while. Even if you miss one opportunity there will always be another.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Focus on what it is that you do better than anyone else. The more narrow your range the more successful you will be. If an issue doesn't concern you directly you must ignore it.

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